

REMARKS

The examiner's Advisory Action of August 8, 2003, stated that the amendment was being refused entry because it would raise new issues under 35 USC § 112. This action is respectfully traversed.

The disclosure of addition of TBC for "transportation" referred to the reason why the TBC was in the styrene, i.e., for stabilization. The destabilization of styrene or other aromatic monomers so that they can be polymerized by removal of TBC is the purpose of the present invention and the process that is recited in the claims.

The remainder of the amendment involved merely the correction of grammatical errors pointed out by the examiner and should present no new matter.

Claim 8 has been rejected under 35 USC § 103 as being unpatentable over the admitted state of the art. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The admitted prior art refers to stabilization of vinylaromatic monomers and not destabilization. Thus, the claims can not be obvious from the disclosure relied on by the examiner since they relate to a process of absolutely opposite purpose.

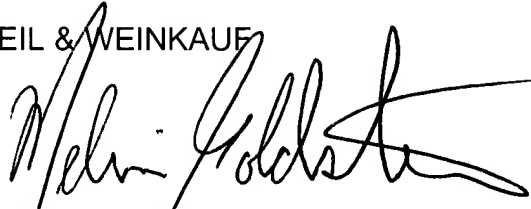
In light of the previously filed amendment and the foregoing comments, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested.

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